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Governor J. Michael Chavarria
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Dear Governor Charvarria,

As a follow-up to Dr. Roubideaux's January 12 blog announcement on the completion of the final phase of the most recent Indian Health Service (IHS) Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP) solicitation, you were ranked number 9 of the 13 applicants in this highly competitive final round. Your application was reviewed by a panel of federal and tribal representatives. Although you did not make the top seven applicants who are expected to move forward with executing a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) over the next few years, you are in the pool of alternates to the top seven. This means you will be considered to move up the list in the event that circumstances change and impact the final execution of a JVA for any applicant ranked ahead of you.

However, you should be aware that any construction initiated on your project in advance of a JVA being signed is basis for disqualification from participation in the JVCP and removal from the ranked list. Therefore, it is important for you to know your exact rank now so that you can consider your chances of being asked to move forward in the rare circumstance that a top seven applicant drops out or is delayed and you can make decisions on your own about whether to continue to wait as an alternate or whether you want to proceed with construction on your own.

Thank you again for your interest in this program and your interest in helping improve access to quality healthcare for the patients you serve.

Sincerely,

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Director
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Engineering

cc: Richie Grinnell, Albuquerque Area Director